

# Creel Survey

August 22, 2011

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Grays River** - CLOSED WATERS from 400 feet below to 200 feet above the temporary rack while the rack is installed in river.

**Elochoman River** – CLOSED WATERS from 200 feet above WDFW temporary rack downstream to Foster (Risk) Road Bridge while rack is installed in river.

**Portions of Abernathy, Cedar (tributary of N.F. Lewis) (Clark Co.), Cougar (tributary to Yale Reservoir) (Cowlitz County), Coal, Germany, Lacamas (Clark Co.), Mill (Cowlitz Co.) creeks and Coweeman River closed to all fishing beginning September 1.** Except for Cougar Creek, all close to protect naturally spawning fall chinook. Cougar Creek closes to protect naturally spawning kokanee.

**Cowlitz River** – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 117 spring chinook adults, 86 jacks, 29 mini-jacks, 13 fall chinook adults, 631 summer-run steelhead, one pink salmon, and four sea-run cutthroat trout during five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 87 spring chinook adults, 51 jacks, one mini-jack, and nine fall chinook adults into the Cispus River near the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 16 spring chinook adults, six jacks, and two fall chinook adults at Franklin Bridge in Packwood, three sea-run cutthroat trout and two fall chinook into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and one sea-run cutthroat, two summer-run steelhead, and one pink salmon into the Cowlitz River at the Barrier Dam boat launch.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,720 cubic feet per second on Monday morning, August 22. Water visibility is 14 feet.

Under rules adopted at this year's North of Falcon process, Cowlitz River from the posted PUD markers on Peters Road to the mouth of Ohanepecosh and Muddy Fork and Tilton River from mouth to West Fork – September 1 through October 31, night closure and anti-snagging rules will be in effect. When the anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

**Green River (Cowlitz Co.) from mouth to 400 feet below salmon hatchery rack and North Fork Toutle River from confluence with South Fork to the mouth of the Green River** – Night closure and anti-snagging rule will be in effect from September 1 through October 31. On the Green River, when the anti-snagging rule is in effect only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

**Kalama River from the railroad below I-5 bridge (new, previously was mouth) to the natural gas pipeline** – Stationary gear restriction will be in effect September 1 through October 31. In addition, fly fishing only from the natural gas pipeline crossing to the deadline at the intake to the lower salmon hatchery.

**Lewis River** – Bank anglers on the North Fork are catching some steelhead.

**Washougal River from Mt. Norway Bridge upstream to Salmon Falls Bridge**, night closure and anti-snagging rule and stationary gear restriction in effect September 1 through October 31. When the anti-snagging rule is in effect, only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. These rules are already in effect from the Mt. Norway Bridge downstream.

Anglers be aware there are CLOSED WATERS from 400 feet below to 200 feet above the temporary weir while the weir is installed in the river.

**Drano Lake** – Boat anglers averaged 1.5 steelhead kept/released per rod. They were also catching a few fall chinook. About 50 boats here last Saturday morning.

**White Salmon River** – Bank anglers are catching some steelhead. Only 7 boats here last Saturday morning.

**Buoy 10** – Effort and catch is increasing. Anglers averaged a chinook per boat and a coho per every 4 boats last weekend. Bank anglers caught some chinook and coho off the North Jetty. Buoy 10 is scheduled to remain open for chinook retention through Sunday August 28.

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Fall chinook catches are increasing while the number of steelhead handled remains strong. Last week we sampled 3,201 salmonid anglers (including 407 boats) with 217 adult and 8 jack fall chinook, 794 steelhead, and 3 adult coho. 210 (97%) of the adult and 6 (75%) of the jack chinook, 501 (63%) of the steelhead, and 2 (67%) of the adult coho were kept.

**Camas Slough:** Waters of the Columbia River downstream from the mouth of the Washougal River, north of Lady Island, and downstream of the Highway 14 Bridge at the upstream end of Lady Island. Season: Open when the adjacent mainstem Columbia or Washougal rivers are open to fishing for salmon. Daily limit same as most liberal regulation of either area, except for salmon, only hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho may be retained. The license of either Washington or Oregon is valid when fishing from a floating device.

**Bonneville Pool** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged a steelhead per rod. Last Saturday morning there were 15 boats off the Klickitat River, 29 off the White Salmon River, and 28 outside Drano Lake.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from the mouth to the Navigation Marker 82 line** – Only a few anglers were sampled during the current catch-and-release only fishery. The section upstream from the Navigation Marker 82 line opens for catch and release angling beginning September 1.

## **Walleye**

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged over 1.5 walleye per rod in the Camas/Washougal area.

## **Trout**

**Knuppenburg, Long, and Mineral lakes in Lewis County** – Planted with 810, 945, and 2,363 catchable size browns Aug. 10-17, respectively.

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# Washington Buoy 10 Creel Sampling Summaries - 2011

Preseason kept catch expectations: 10,950 chinook and 7,000 coho  
 Estimated kept catch through August 14: 622 chinook and 41 coho

Date	Number of Boats	Number of Anglers	Chinook Kept	Coho Kept	Comments
01-Aug	15	35	0	0	Opening Day
02-Aug	9	24	0	0	
03-Aug	6	14	0	0	17 boats counted during effort flight count.
04-Aug	7	13	0	0	
05-Aug	2	5	0	0	
06-Aug	17	37	4	0	36 boats counted from just below br. to Tongue Pt.
07-Aug	17	40	2	1	
08-Aug	4	10	1	0	
09-Aug	12	25	3	0	
10-Aug	1	2	1	0	
11-Aug	18	48	7	0	
12-Aug	1	5	3	0	Charter boat
12-Aug	42	116	8	4	Private boats
13-Aug	55	146	13	2	
14-Aug	38	98	14	1	Approx. 175 boats were observed during effort flight count.
15-Aug	14	36	0	1	
16-Aug	45	115	28	6	
17-Aug	57	146	27	6	
18-Aug	16	42	16	2	
19-Aug	41	111	29	19	
19-Aug		53	2	6	Bank - North Jetty
20-Aug	148	445	131	43	
21-Aug	135	401	132	32	

Washington lower Columbia tributaries plus Bonneville Pool salmonid sport sampling summaries - Aug. 15-21.

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Washington Southwest Washington lakes sport sampling summaries - Aug. 15-21.

No report.